

Dell Rapids School District #49-3

Policies and Regulations Code: IKB – Instruction



IKB HOMEWORK

The Board of Education believes that homework, as long as it is properly designed, carefully planned, and geared to the development of the individual student, meets a real need and has a definite place in the educational program.

The superintendent will develop regulations for the assignment of homework according to these guidelines:

1. Homework should be a properly planned part of the curriculum, extending and reinforcing the learning experience of the school.
2. Homework should help children learn by providing practice in the mastery of skills, experience in data gathering and integration of knowledge, and an opportunity to remediate learning problems.
3. Homework should help develop the student's responsibility by providing an opportunity for the exercise of independent work and judgment.
4. In assigning homework, a teacher should consider a student's age and mastery of skills: his/her need for play time; and/or his/her out-of-school responsibilities and activities, which often aid a student in developing his/her interests or tastes. However, the homework grade is dependent on performance by the student.
5. As a valid educational tool, homework should be clearly assigned and its product carefully evaluated.
6. In assigning homework, teachers should communicate their homework expectations to parents and students at the beginning of the year and periodically throughout the year.
7. The school should recognize the responsibility of parents/guardians suggesting ways in which they may assist the school in helping their child carry out his/her responsibilities of completing homework.

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